

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50
51
52
53
54

By *Tommy I. Roman*

H.S.R. No. 262

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, One of the happiest events of this Regular Session of the 61st Legislature is being made public today with the announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Donna Axum, Miss America of 1964, to our own popular and astute Speaker of the House of Representatives, G. F. (Gus) Mutscher; and

WHEREAS, Most of Gus' colleagues have already had the pleasure of meeting the beautiful and charming Miss Axum, who is originally from El Dorado, Arkansas, but is currently a member of the speech faculty of Texas Technological College at Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, In the long list of honors attained by Miss Axum in tribute to her beauty and her intelligence, a few of the most outstanding are: mistress of ceremonies at the Miss America State Pageants; "Outstanding Young Woman of America," 1967; "Outstanding Young Woman of Arkansas," 1967; Arkansas Woman of the Year, 1963; Winner of the C. E. Palmer Award for distinguished service to the State Arkansas Jaycees; Woman of Achievement Award from the New Jersey Journal; Miss Arkansas, in 1963, preceding her Miss America title in 1964; National Cotton Picking Queen, 1962; Arkansas Forest Queen, 1961; Arkansas Miss Hospitality, 1960; and Miss Union County in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Miss Axum won her B.A. degree in speech and drama from the University of Arkansas in 1965, and her M.A. degree in the same major from Arkansas in 1968; her special training has included five years of voice in the University of Arkansas, eight years of piano; two years of dance; 15 years experience in modeling; and, in addition, she has had paintings exhibited in Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, Certainly, if Gus wanted a vote getter for his helpmate, he couldn't have chosen better than this five-foot, six-and-one-half-inch brunette beauty; and

WHEREAS, It would be difficult to find a couple more appropriately matched when it comes to achieving honors: Gus' rise in politics has been meteoric, as it has been only eight years since he was elected to his first term in the Texas House of Representatives, and now he holds the highest office which his colleagues can bestow; and

WHEREAS, Gus was graduated from Brenham High School and Blinn Junior College, also in Brenham, before enrolling in The University of Texas at Austin; he participated in high school and college activities and, among the many honors he received, he was elected president of the student council at Blinn and was also college favorite as Mr. Buccaneer, in 1951-52; he received his B.B.A. degree in Business Administration from the University in June, 1956, and received his commission through The University of Texas ROTC program as a commissioned officer, United States Army; and

1 WHEREAS, While working in Houston for the Borden Company,
2 shortly after his graduation from the University, Gus was named the
3 Outstanding Young Businessman of Harris County in 1959; in 1967
4 he was one of five recipients of the Junior Chamber of Commerce
5 Outstanding Young Texans Award; and

6 WHEREAS, During his early years in the House, he gained the
7 respect of his fellow members by his willingness to spend countless
8 hours in committee work, researching, listening to, and studying
9 legislative proposals; his patience and diligence were, no doubt,
10 determining factors in his appointment for four terms to the
11 powerful Appropriations Committee and his selection as chairman of
12 the highly controversial and tedious Legislative Redistricting
13 Committee, a demanding job which he performed with such expertise
14 that he gained state-wide acclaim and was elected Speaker of the
15 House of Representatives of the 61st Legislature; and

16 WHEREAS, Born in the William Penn Community of Washington
17 County and steeped in the lore of patriots amid his home surround-
18 ings at the cradle of Texas liberty, Washington-on-the-Brazos, this
19 distinguished political leader has already proven himself to be one
20 of the history makers, and the announcement today of the coming
21 alliance of Miss Donna Axum and Speaker Mutscher is further
22 evidence of Gus' sense of history; and

23 WHEREAS, It is appropriate and a great pleasure for the House
24 of Representatives of the 61st Legislature to extend congratula-
25 tions to our Speaker, G. F. (Gus) Mutscher, on the good fortune
26 which introduced him to Miss Donna Axum and the intelligence and
27 discernment which led him to ask her to become his wife; now,
28 therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of
30 Texas express sincere good wishes to Miss Donna Axum and
31 Speaker Gus Mutscher on their engagement, and that official copies
32 of this Resolution be prepared for them as a memento of this
33 illustrious occasion and in token of the esteem of the Texas House
34 of Representatives.

APR 8 1969

Add names of all members

H.S.R. # 262

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

✓ S.S.R. #262 by Shannon, J.
APR 8 1969

DATE _____

READ AND ADOPTED

Dorothy Hallman

CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APR 8 1969 SENT TO ENROLLING CLERK